

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President : Under Rule 3 (1) of the Legislative Rules, I nominate Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla and Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar on the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President : I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the grave and alarming situation caused by the outbreak of malaria in a virulent epidemic form in Perunkadavila and other western pakuthies of Neyyattinkara taluk and some of the pakuthies of Vilavankod, Kalkulam and Nedumangad taluks adjoining the area.

I hold that the motion is in order. I ask the House whether the member has the leave of the House to make the motion.

As no objection has been raised, I take it that leave has been granted. The motion will be taken up this afternoon.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : Since we met last, Mr. P. I. Simon has been appointed as a Government Pleader. Rule 12 of the Sri Chitra State Council Manual lays down :

"An official shall not be qualified for election as member of either Chamber of the Legislature ;
and, if any non-official member of either Chamber accepts office in the service of Our Government, his seat in the Chamber shall become vacant."

The point of order that I now raise is whether Mr. P. I. Simon, an elected non-official member of this Chamber who has now accepted office under the Government as a Government Pleader, does not cease to be a member of this House. If he continues to be a non-official member, I doubt very much whether the privilege of this House, to have a non-official majority of 22 members, would not be infringed.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, the legal provision that has to be considered in deciding this question is Section 11 of the Legislative Reforms Regulation of 1108 which has already been referred to by Mr. Kesavan Nair. It says firstly :

"An official shall not be qualified for election as member of either Chamber of the Legislature,"

And then it adds that

"if any non-official member of either Chamber accepts office in the service of Our Government his seat in the Chamber shall become vacant."